

**REMARKS**

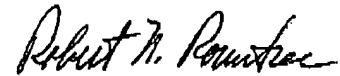
Claims 1-5, 8-14, and 26-29 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 10, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 2-5, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 6-7, 15-25, and 30-31 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 26-29 are allowed.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The preamble of claim 1 is amended to recite "A method for modifying the RF channels used in a frequency hopping system." Applicants believe this overcomes the rejection and renders claim 1 definite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Koivu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,737,359). Claim 15 depends directly from claim 1. Claim 15 is objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of claim 15 are added to independent claim 1. Claim 15 is cancelled without prejudice. Thus, claim 1 and depending claims 8, 10, and 12-14 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Koivu. Furthermore, depending claims 2-5 and 8-14 are also patentable as depending from patentable independent claims.

The present amendment places the instant application in a condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-14. If the Examiner finds any issue that is unresolved, please call applicants' attorney by dialing the telephone number printed below.

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